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The Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and has the honour to submit its first report to the Committee (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 20 March 2009 from the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

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Report of the Republic of the Sudan on implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)

1. The Sudan acceded to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on 31 October 1973, reflecting its steadfast commitment to resolutely oppose the proliferation of nuclear weapons, weapons of mass destruction and delivery systems, as an important means of ensuring comprehensive collective international security. The Sudan believes that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, as a multilateral instrument, is fundamental to efforts to prevent nuclear proliferation, while also ensuring respect for the legitimacy and sovereignty of States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

2. The Sudan does not possess nuclear weapons, weapons of mass destruction or delivery systems, nor does it have any relevant technology or programmes. It stresses the importance of strict adherence to all measures aimed at preventing the proliferation of such weapons. It calls on States that do possess nuclear arsenals to immediately relinquish any such weapons in their possession, as well as any weapons-related fissile materials. It affirms the legitimate right of States to use nuclear energy for such peaceful purposes as scientific research or any other use of nuclear energy for the benefit of humankind that is constructive rather than destructive.

3. The Sudan stresses the importance of equal adherence by all States Members of the United Nations to Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) without selectivity or discrimination between States, and of the necessary measures being taken at the national, regional and international levels to prevent the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction or nuclear weapons by non-State groups or individuals. The Sudan also affirms its readiness to cooperate with the international community in implementing that resolution and combating terrorism in all its forms, as well as other threats to international peace and security.